

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A polycarbonate resin composition, comprising:

a polycarbonate resin; and

from 100 to 500 ppm of a releasing agent;

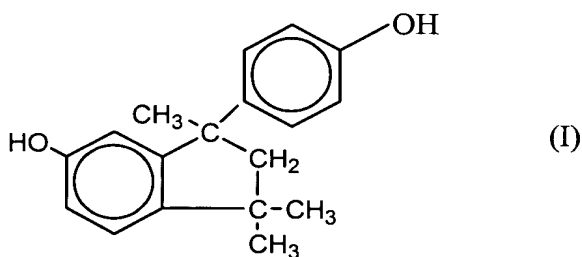
~~for an optical disk substrate characterized by being produced with, as a raw material,~~

wherein said polycarbonate resin is obtained from 2,2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane

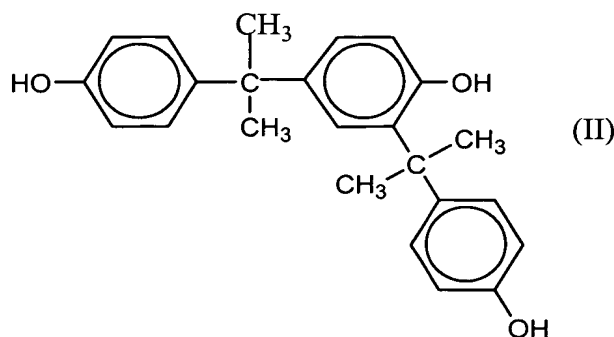
having

a content of 2-(2-hydroxylphenyl)-2-(4-hydroxylphenyl)propane of 1,000 ppm or less,

a content of a cyclic ~~dymer~~ dimer of p-isopropenylphenol represented by the following general formula (I) of 150 ppm or less:



and a content of a trisphenol compound represented by the following general formula (II) of 150 ppm or less:



said polycarbonate resin composition having a viscosity average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 17,000 and a fraction of hydroxyl end groups of less than 7% by mole, ~~and containing from 100 to 500 ppm of a releasing agent.~~

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The polycarbonate resin composition for an optical disk substrate as described in claim 6, which has a free total phenol content of 80 ppm or less.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The polycarbonate resin composition for an optical disk substrate as described in claim 6 ~~or~~ 7, which contains from 150 to 350 ppm of a releasing agent.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The polycarbonate resin composition for an optical disk substrate as described in ~~any of claims claim~~ 6 to 8, wherein the releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An optical disk substrate, comprising:
a the polycarbonate resin composition for an optical disk substrate as described in ~~any of claims claim~~ 6 to 9.

Claims 11-20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 9, wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 22 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 7, which contains from 150 to 350 ppm of a releasing agent.

Claim 23 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 7, wherein the releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 24 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 23, wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 25 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 6, wherein said 2,2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane is obtained by
solid-liquid separation of a phenol slurry of an adduct of
2,2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane and phenol, thereby separating phenol and said adduct;
melting said separated adduct and distilling off phenol to obtain said
2,2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane used to produce the polycarbonate resin.

Claim 26 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 6, further comprising:

20 to 100 ppm of a phosphorous antioxidant.

Claim 27 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 10, wherein the releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 28 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 27, wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 29 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 10, wherein said polycarbonate resin composition further comprises
20 to 100 ppm of a phosphorous antioxidant.

Claim 30 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 10, which comprises from 150 to 350 ppm of a releasing agent.

Claim 31 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 10, wherein said 2,2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane is obtained by
solid-liquid separation of a phenol slurry of an adduct of
2,2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane and phenol, thereby separating phenol and said adduct;
melting said separated adduct and distilling off phenol to obtain said
2,2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane used to produce the polycarbonate resin.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-5 and 11-20 have been canceled.

The amendment of Claim 6 is supported at page 4, lines 6 and 7 from the bottom and at page 24, last paragraph.

New Claims 21-31 have been added.

New Claims 21, 24 and 28 are supported by Claim 14 as originally filed.

New Claims 22 and 30 are supported by Claim 8 as originally filed.

New Claims 23 and 27 are supported by Claim 9 as originally filed.

New Claims 25 and 31 are supported at page 22, 2nd full paragraph and at page 21, last paragraph to page 22, line 3 as well as Example II-1 at page 26 of the specification.

New Claims 26 and 29 are supported at page 24, 1st full paragraph.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 6-10 and 21-31 will now be active in this application.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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